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**"In the four years since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we have worked hard to ensure Louisiana communities have the necessary infrastructure and resources to prepare for and prevent future disasters," said Sen. Landrieu. "Our state's ports play a key role - they are critical not only to our energy coast and facilitating the flow of commerce, but they are also on the front lines of our homeland security effort. By funding more patrol boats and sonar equipment, these Recovery Act grants will ultimately make our residents safer, while creating and sustaining good-paying jobs for Louisiana families."**

**"From improving and upgrading our port security infrastructure, to providing local sheriff departments with more resources to protect their communities, these grants will strengthen security in Louisiana and keep our economy strong," said Rep. Melancon. "I am pleased to see federal funding from the Stimulus Act returning to Louisiana to help our ports purchase the critical equipment and resources they need."**

The **Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants Program** provides grants to upgrade and construct fire stations. These funds will increase the safety of firefighters and the residents in Louisiana's communities. The following grant was awarded under the SCG program:

- \$2,763,080 to Grosse Tete Volunteer Fire Department-Grosse Tete

The **Port Security Grant Program** provides funding to ports to enhance and protect their infrastructure. The program also assists ports in coordinating their security efforts across south Louisiana.

The following grants will be used to purchase sonar equipment:

- \$2,956,708 to Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District
- \$80,880 to La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries-Alexandria
- \$125,000 to La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries-Iberia Third Congressional District
- \$70,660 to La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries-Ferriday-Columbia
- \$60,440 to La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries-Monroe-Greater Ouachita

This grant will be used to purchase sonar equipment and thermal imaging, night vision and infrared camera systems:

- \$70,660 to La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries-Shreveport

The following grants will be used to purchase patrol vessels.

- \$1,387,039 to Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District-New Orleans Third Congressional District
- \$52,788 to Ergon St. James, Inc.-New Orleans Third Congressional District
- \$844,417 to New Orleans Fire Department-New Orleans

This grant will fund port gates, fences and locks:

- \$39,400 to Genesis-Shreveport

This grant will fund microwave communication towers:

- \$1,115,000 to City of New Orleans-New Orleans

This grant will fund parameter hardening to protect against improvised explosive devices:

- \$66,487 to Ergon-Baton Rouge, Inc.-New Orleans

This grant will fund the implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential system:

- \$90,686 to Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals LLC-New Orleans

This grant will fund trainings for sheriff department officers:

- \$631,978 to Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office-Terrebonne Third Congressional District

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